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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE  
FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TO PRESIDENT FORD, QUOTE:  
AT THIS TIME WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN WITH YOUR  
EXCELLENCY IN JOYFULLY COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF  
THE DECLARATION OF YOUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE, WE TAKE  
SPECIAL PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE  
RWANDAN PEOPLE, UNITED IN THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY  
MOVEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS ON OUR OWN BEHALF,  
OUR WARM AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS. WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE  
COURAGE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE ABILITY OF THEIR  
LEADERS WHO UNTIRINGLY DEVOTE THEIR EFFORTS TO THE DEVEL-  
OPMENT OF A GREAT AND PROSPEROUS NATION.

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE GREAT QUALITIES OF THE  
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AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE THEM TO NEW

HEIGHTS SO THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MAY ENJOY NEW RELATIONS BASED ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. WE ARE HAPPY TO NOTE THAT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE BEING STRENGTHENED EVEN FURTHER BY DYNAMIC AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION. - -

WE ASSURE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE AID GRANTED BY THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFORTS OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN GENERAL AND OF RWANDA IN PARTICULAR.

WE AVAIL OURSELVES OF THIS HAPPY OCCASION TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AS WELL AS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE,

YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT . KISSINGER

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